(a) whether any or all the allowances given to the Director of Public Health and Panchayats were stopped;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative the reasons for the same?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—

(a) Yes. Fixed T. A. and fees for inspection of Factories are proposed to be stopped from Chingam 1113.

(b) As a measure of retrenchment.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know, Sir, from the way in which (b) is answered 'as a measure of retrenchment' whether it is as a temporary measure that it is stopped or is it as a permanent measure?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—As the order at present stands it is a permanent measure.

Staff Selection Rules—violation of.

159. **Mr. M. V. Cherian** *(Mattancheri Town-South).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Chairman of the Mattancheri Municipal Council has made any appointment himself in violation of the Rules prescribed by the Government for such appointments by the Staff Selection Board;

(b) if so, how many such appointments were made and are the appointed officers still in service;

(c) what action has the Government taken against the Chairman?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—

(a) Yes.

(b) 7 appointments. One appointment was allowed to continue till the end of this year. The rest are not in service now.

(c) The Government have directed the Chairman to pay from his own pocket the salary of the officers appointed by him in contravention to rules.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—In answer to (c) it has been stated that "the Government have directed the Chairman to pay from his own pocket the salary of the officers appointed by him in contravention to rules". Has he actually paid from his pocket?

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Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—He has not yet paid. He has taken some time to pay it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether these gentlemen appointed by the Chairman in violation of the rules of Government are not paid as yet for services done by them?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—Of course, they must have been paid.

Mr. President.—They have been paid already.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews Special).*—What is the total amount?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—It is not yet time to ascertain it. If it is already paid there is no necessity for ascertaining it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—If one has been allowed to continue, there is no meaning in sending the others away.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—That is under the orders of the Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Had they to leave the office before the expiry of the term to which the Chairman appointed them?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—Some were sent away because their term expired and one man was sent away by the order of the Government before the expiry of the term.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—How many have been sent away before the termination of the original acting arrangement?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—There is no information on that point.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—You have stated, Sir, that one at least has been sent away before the expiry of his term. Has any compensation been paid to him? The Chairman must pay that.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—That will be considered when any complaint comes.

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Mr. K. S. Panickar *(Ezhuvas North).*—Will the Government be pleased to accept our congratulations? (Laughter).

Town Improvement Committee—appointment of.

160. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon** *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether a committee has been appointed to report on the improvements of the Town of Ernakulam;

(b) who are the members of it;

(c) has the committee submitted its report; if so, what are its recommendations?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—(a) Government have not appointed any adhoc committee to report on the improvements of the Town of Ernakulam. But they have appointed a committee to draft a Town Planning Act for the State with a view to making it easier on financial and other grounds to carry out comprehensive schemes of Town Improvements in towns like Ernakulam.

(b) The members of this committee are the Diwan Peishkar (Chairman), the Government Advocate and Law Officer and the Chairman, Ernakulam Municipal Council.

(c) No.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—May I know how far the town improvement scheme has progressed?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government.)*—The scheme is ready and it would be submitted by the committee in a day or two.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Are they drafting any rules?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Will the Hon'ble Member kindly inform the House when this committee was formed?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—About 2 months back.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether in the scope of the scheme little places like Wadakkancherri and Irinialakkuda will also come in?

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